

APPENDIX 2 | Letters of Commitment

James Ports, MDOT Secretary

Penn Station Partners

April 6, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
Secretary
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE
Washington DC 20590

Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) is pleased to express our full support for the Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration's (MDOT MTA) Fiscal Year 2022 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program application. The proposed improvements will advance safety, multi-modal connectivity, efficiency, travel times, and access to economic opportunities both for Baltimore residents and all those who connect to and from Baltimore's Penn Station for work, pleasure, or to access services or education opportunities.

The Building Baltimore Penn Station Connections Project (Project) provides multi-modal infrastructure investments around Penn Station to improve transit, walking, and bicycling connections supporting the station's role as an intermodal hub in the heart of Baltimore City. This \$12 million project leverages \$5 million in Congressionally Designated Spending for Penn Station access and complements Amtrak investments of over \$100 million in station modernization and expansion and Penn Station Partners (PSP) more than \$450 million transit oriented commercial development.

Penn Station plays an important role as a regional rail hub for Amtrak, Acela, and MARC commuter rail. It also has significance as a gateway to Baltimore City. It is a historical landmark and civic destination, and central connection point to downtown Baltimore from several universities, communities, and commercial nodes. The area around Penn Station will see increasing levels of economic growth as station redevelopment advances; the need for safe, fast, and reliable inter-modal connections is critical.

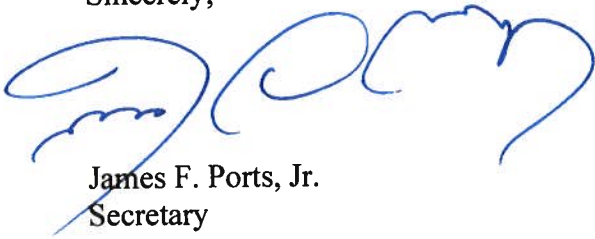
In addition to over three million Amtrak and MARC passengers passing through Baltimore Penn Station per year, Penn Station is on two key arteries in the city, Charles and St. Paul Streets, which carry thousands more bus riders, pedestrians, and cyclists. A RAISE Grant will unlock MDOT MTA's ability, in collaboration with the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (DHCD), Baltimore City Department of Transportation (BC DOT), and PSP, to transform the project area with benefits that impact all those who travel to or connect through this important transportation hub. The MDOT is committing \$1.4 million in matching funds to support this exciting project.

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We urge you to favorably consider this significant project and invest in this critical effort to improve multi-modal access and safety in this important hub along the Northeast Corridor. The application and matching funds associated with the project parties demonstrates the strong partnership between MDOT MTA, DHCD, BC DOT, and PSP. These partners recognize the importance of this project and are working together to construct these improvements as quickly as possible.

Thank you for your consideration. Should you have any questions, please contact Ms. Kate Sylvester, MDOT MTA Deputy Administrator, at 410-767-3889 or ksylvester@mta.maryland.gov. Ms. Sylvester will be happy to assist you.

Sincerely,

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James F. Ports, Jr.
Secretary

cc: Ms. Holly Arnold, Administrator, MDOT MTA
Ms. Kate Sylvester, Deputy Administrator, MDOT MTA

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bcc: Ms. Samantha Biddle, Chief of Staff, MDOT
Mr. R. Earl Lewis, Jr., Deputy Secretary of Policy, Planning, and Enterprise Services,
MDOT
Mr. Patrick McMahon, Senior Planner, MDOT MTA
Ms. Heather Murphy, Director, Office of Planning and Capital Programming, MDOT
Mr. Sean Powell, Deputy Secretary of Operations and Homeland Security, MDOT

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April 11, 2022

The Honorable Pete Buttigieg
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**Re: \$1 Million Funding Commitment
Building Baltimore Penn Station Connections Project**

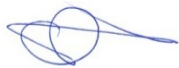
Dear Secretary Buttigieg:

Penn Station Partners (PSP), a joint venture between two Baltimore City based real estate development companies - Beatty Development Group and Cross Street Partners, was selected as the master developer for Baltimore Penn Station. We are honored to be collaborating with the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT), the Baltimore City Department of Transportation, Amtrak, and many other partners on the transformation of this landmark into a true multimodal transit hub.

To that end, we are aware that MDOT is submitting a Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) grant application (the "Building Baltimore Penn Station Connections Project") and that non-federal matching funds are required. We commit at least \$1 million of the funding that we have secured as matching funds for the RAISE project.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any question or comments. I can be reached at (410) 404-0249 or bstruever@crossstpartners.com.

Best regards,
PENN STATION PARTNERS

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Carl W. Struever